



Dear Mercy Community:

As we end this school year and begin preparing for next year, I wanted to share with you exciting news regarding our leadership team. Mrs. Claire Willis will be moving on from Mercy to her new role as Principal of Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School. I personally would like to thank Mrs. Willis for her tireless efforts over the past five years as our Assistant Principal for Academics. She has laid the ground work for our next leadership team to build upon. I wish Mrs. Willis the best in her new role and know without a doubt that Cristo Rey is getting a wonderful Catholic role model and leader for their school.

I am truly excited to share with you the new leadership team I have assembled for the 2017-18 school year. I have made the decision to hire two amazing ladies to fill both the position I vacated when becoming principal and now Mrs. Willis's position.

Assistant Principal for our Lower School (3yr olds - 2nd Grade) Mrs. Kristy Monsour

Kristy Monsour is a seasoned educator with 15 years' experience; the past 9 years committed to Our Lady of Mercy School. Mrs. Monsour has served in a variety of roles at Our Lady of Mercy School with increasing participation in the leadership of our school community. Currently she serves as Mercy's Student Services Coordinator working with students and families needing advanced resources or additional support. She created and manages the after-school STEAM and Resource Program; created and administers the screening tools used for new applicants; and serves as part of the Student Success Team.

Mrs. Monsour holds a Masters of Education from Louisiana State University where she also earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Mrs. Monsour is a proud alumna of St. Scholastica Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school in Covington, Louisiana. Mrs. Monsour and her family have been parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church for 12 years and her children Johnny (6th), Matthew (3rd), and daughter Hayes (Pre-K) are happy Blue Jays.

I am so excited to have Kristy become a part of the leadership team; she is "Mercy," and her love and dedication to our school and church community is second to none.

Assistant Principal for our Upper School (3rd - 8th Grades) Ms. Allyson LaBorde

Allyson LaBorde is an accomplished educator with 13 years teaching experience, most recently at St. Luke's Episcopal Day School and before that St. Thomas More Catholic School, both of Baton Rouge. Ms. LaBorde has held diverse roles as an educator including curriculum committee member, moderator of extra-curricular activities, and teaching a variety of subjects in an ability grouped setting. In addition to her commitment to education, Ms. LaBorde is also an active member in local service organizations including Chi Omega Sorority as the New Member Advisor and the Junior League of Baton Rouge.

Ms. LaBorde holds a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from Louisiana State University where she also earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Ms. LaBorde is a proud alumna of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School and has been a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church since 2009.

Ms. LaBorde is an energetic and passionate educator who will bring a wonderful wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role as Upper School Assistant Principal.

This is truly an exciting time for our school, and I thank you for your support in welcoming our new leadership team members to the Mercy family.

God bless,

Mr. Chris Porche Principal